

1 tribunal that will try impeachment cases in an independent  
2 body, whether it be our own Court of Appeals, that would  
3 satisfy me, but I think a special tribunal as proposed by  
4 the Constitution is sufficient.

5 Let us try something new where the old hasn't  
6 worked whenever it has been invoked.

7 THE CHAIRMAN: Any other delegate desire to  
8 speak in favor of the amendment?

9 Any delegate opposed?

10 Delegate Marion.

11 DELEGATE MARION: Impeachment has been a pretty  
12 unsatisfactory method to get rid of someone who holds  
13 public office. It is for that reason that the State of  
14 California pioneered the system for the removal of judges  
15 which has been adopted by several other states, including  
16 the State of Maryland. It was because impeachment was  
17 such a poor remedy, that process is gaining favor in many  
18 states and it is being considered now by the Congress of  
19 the United States.

20 Picture, if you will, the typical impeachment  
21 trial in the senate as it has occurred on only a few